Iowa Legislative Fiscal Bureau



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Update On Iowa Court Information System (ICIS)

ISSUE

Over the past year, complaints were made by users of the Judicial Department's computer system regarding the 'user friendliness' of the system and the time consuming nature of the system applications.

AFFECTED AGENCIES

Judicial Department

CODE AUTHORITY

Chapter 602, Code of Iowa

BACKGROUND

During the 1991 Legislative Interim, complaints began to surface regarding the utility of the ICIS, the time consuming nature of the applications which Clerks of Court offices were facing with the installation of the system, and the training in the use of the system. The Legislative Fiscal Committee encouraged the Judicial Department to visit those offices from which complaints were arising and to deal with them directly.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Judicial Department has worked to improve communication between central office and users of the system over the past year. Personal visits were made by Larry Murphy, ICIS Director, to many counties, and modifications of some computer applications and continued training have taken place.

Between January and September of 1992, 30 visits were made to 15 counties for purposes of training and discussing user problems with the system (see Attachment 1). Examples of specific training provided and types of court staff trained are provided in Attachments 2 and 3, respectively. The Judicial Department noted that, as with any computer system, training time takes time away from daily work activities. When possible, the Department attempts to provide training in small blocks of hours, so those employees being trained may return to their normal functions for at least part of each day.

Additionally, Mr. Murphy attended the annual meeting of the Clerks of Court, and made a presentation related to the implementation of the ICIS and responded to questions and complaints raised by the group in attendance.

The Judicial Department was also asked to address how the ICIS would interface and provide assistance to other departments in State Government once it was fully established. Attachment 4 identifies 6 other State agencies ICIS will ultimately share information in some fashion with and specific local agencies which have already requested access to the data in the system when it is complete. Analysis of specific data needs and the most appropriate methods of sharing that information are being discussed as the system evolves.

The Department will be requesting funding to expand the system into 12 additional counties and to expand hardware acquisition for existing counties in the FY 1994 budget request (see Attachment 5). Functions which have currently been implemented and plans for further implementation during FY 1993 are presented in Attachments 6 and 7, respectively.

ALTERNATIVES

The General Assembly, in the FY 1993 Justice System Appropriations Bill (SF 2348), requested that the Legislative Council establish an interim study committee to hire a consultant to provide a performance and systems analysis of the ICIS. If authorized, the committee is to select a consultant in conjunction with the Judicial Department. The purpose of the study would be to review where the system now stands in relation to where the Master Plan proposed it to be and whether adjustments in the Master Plan, or the types of applications and usage envisioned for the System are still appropriate. The Legislative Council has taken no action on this request to date, but could fund the study this interim.

The General Assembly could fully fund the system to provide hardware and programming for the entire State, or partially fund to meet expansion as requested by the Judicial Department.

BUDGET IMPACT

To fully fund the acquisition of hardware for the system would cost approximately \$5.2 million.

The cost of the study recommended by the General Assembly is estimated to be approximately \$150,000.

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Iowa Court Information System Counties visited between January and September '92

- Pottawattamie (2)
- Woodbury (2)
- Black Hawk (4)
- Clinton (2)
- Scott (2)
- Fayette (1)
- Linn (3)
- Des Moines (2)
- Polk (4)
- Wapello (1)
- Poweshiek (1)
- Story (2)
- Marshall (1)
- Buena Vista (1)
- Johnson (2)

ICIS Training Specific ICIS Training

- Introduction to ICIS
- System Administration and Global Functions
- Case Processing (Criminal)
 People Demographics
 Indexing People to Cases
 Initiating a Case
 Docketing Events
 Charges screen maintenance
 Entering service return data
 Disposition of case charges
 Disposition of the case
 Exhibit screens
 Bail and Bond procedures
 Linking related cases
 Entering sample cases
 Review of inquiry screens of case processing
 Review of reports of case processing

ICIS Training Specific ICIS Training

- Noticing
 Blank Paper Notice procedure
 Keyword Definition
 Preprinted Notice Definition
- Case Financial Management Subsystem
 Overview of double entry accounting
 Overview of GAAP Accounting
 Overview of CFM
 Setting Up Accounts (A/R)
 Scheduling A/R
 Updating A/R
 Transactions Lesson 1
 Entering Cash Receipts
 Entering Financial Satisfactions
 Paying Down on Accounts A/P
 Account Reconciliation
 CFM Reports
 Month ending procedures
 Enter sample CFM transactions
- Summary/Wrapup
 Questions and Answers
 Review of Office Procedures
 Change Management review

ICIS Training Specific ICIS Training

- Tickler Subsystem
 Adding Case/People Tickler Items
 Creating Tickler Items
 Updating Tickler Items
 Viewing Tickler Items
 Reports from Tickler
- Case Processing (Traffic)

 Initiating a traffic case
 People demographics
 Maintenance of traffic charges
 Disposition of traffic charges
 Cash Receipts of traffic tickets
 Disposition of traffic cases
 Entering sample cases
 Conversion of traffic cases

Court Staff Trained

- Clerk of Court Staff
 Accounting Technician's
 Clerk's of Court
 Financial Clerk's
 Financial Supervisor's
 Financial Technician's
 Record Clerk's
 Trial Court Clerk's
 Trial Court Supervisor's
 Trial Court Technican's
- Juvenile Court Office's Clerk-Typist's Administrative Assistant's Juvenile Court Officer's Juvenile Court Specialist's
- District Court Administration Secretary's Case Coordinator's Assistant District Court Administrator's District Court Administrator's

Department Interfaces to ICIS

- Department of Corrections
 Disposition information of criminal cases
 Case information and charge data
 Financial data on release
 Presentence investigation report data
 Prepare risk analysis for pretrial release
- Department of Public Safety
 Case Status Inquiry (Calendaring and scheduling data)
 Criminal case and charge data for criminal history files
 Timely case disposition data for criminal files
- Department of Transportation
 Notice of Conviction records
 Notice of Non Compliance of sentence and fine data
 Timely collection of fines and court costs
- Department of Inspections and Appeals
 Case scheduling information for Public Defenders
 Review of docket information for reasonable fees
 Status of cases and charge data

Department Interfaces to ICIS

- Attorney General Office
 Case scheduling information for Attorney General staff
 Case scheduling information for County Attorney staff
 Review of docket information
 Status of cases and charge information
- Parole Board
 Criminal history information
 Case status
 Criminal conviction data
- County Government Interfaces
 County Sheriff
 City Police
 County Attorney
 Public Defender

Iowa Court Information System Proposed Counties to Implement FY94

- District One Allamakee Fayette
- District Two Hardin Bremer
- District Three Ida
 Clay
- District Four Page
- District Five Lucas Clarke
- District Six lowa
- District Eight Poweshiek Washington

Implementation of ICIS District 1 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

- Black Hawk
 Criminal Case Processing
 Traffic Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services (Informal)
 Juvenile Case Processing (Formal)
- Dubuque Small Claims Juvenile Court Services (Informal) Probate Indexing
- FayetteCase Indexing
- Winneshiek
 Juvenile Case Processing (Formal)
 Traffic
 Civil Dissolutions

Implementation of ICIS District 2 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

- Boone Child Support
- Hardin
 Case Indexing
 Judgement/Lien Index
- Marshall
 Child Support
 Traffic
- Story
 Child Support
 Criminal

Implementation of ICIS District 3 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

- Buena Vista Vital Records
- Cherokee
 Child Support
- Woodbury Child Support Traffic Vital Records

Implementation of ICIS District 4 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

 Pottawattamie Traffic Simple Misdemeanors

Implementation of ICIS District 5 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

- Polk
 Traffic Cases
 Criminal Cases
- Marion
 Traffic Cases
 Criminal Cases

Implementation of ICIS District 6 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

Linn
 Vital Records
 Juvenile Court Services (Informal)

Implementation of ICIS District 7 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

- Clinton
 Traffic Cases
 Criminal Cases
 Case Scheduling
- Scott
 Probate Cases
 Juvenile Cases (Formal)
 Vital Records
 Case Scheduling

Implementation of ICIS District 8 - Implemented Functions of ICIS

- Des Moines
 Traffic Cases
 Criminal Cases
 Child Support Cases
 Civil Law & Equity Cases
- Poweshiek
 Traffic Cases
 Child Support Cases
 Vital Records
 Criminal Indexing
- Wapello Child Support Cases

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 1 - FY93

- Black Hawk
 Child Support
 Version 2 Juvenile Court Services (Conversion)
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
 District Court Case Scheduling
- Dubuque
 Version 2 Juvenile Court Services (Conversion)
 Civil Law & Equity
 Child Support
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
 District Court Case Scheduling
- Winneshiek
 Juvenile Court Services
 Child Support
 Criminal Case Processing
- Allamakee
 Case Indexing
- Grundy
 Case Indexing
- Delaware
 Traffic

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 2 - FY93

- Marshall
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
- Story
 Traffic Case Processing (Ames)
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
- Webster
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services
 District Court Case Scheduling
- Cerro Gordo
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 District Court Case Scheduling
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
- Carroll
 Child Support
 Case Indexing

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 3 - FY93

- Buena Vista
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Child Support
- Sioux
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Child Support

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 4 - FY93

- Pottawattamie
 Criminal Case Processing
 Child Support
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Criminal Justice Agencies
 District Court Case Scheduling
- Shelby
 Traffic Case Processing
 Child Support
 Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 5 - FY93

- Polk
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
 Child Support
 District Court Case Scheduling
- Marion
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services
- Jasper Traffic & Criminal Case Processing Juvenile Court Services
- Dallas
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services
- Warren
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 6 - FY93

- Iowa Child Support Case Indexing
- Linn
 Traffic Case Processing
 Criminal Case Processing
 District Court Case Scheduling
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
- Johnson
 Traffic Case Processing
 Criminal Case Processing
 Child Support
 Juvenile Court Services
 District Court Case Scheduling
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 7 - FY93

- Clinton
 Child Support
 Juvenile Court Services
- Scott
 Vital Records, Probate, & Mental Health
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Child Support
 Juvenile Court Services
 District Court Case Scheduling
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
- Cedar Traffic & Criminal Case Processing Child Support
- Jackson
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Child Support
- Muscatine Traffic & Criminal Case Processing Child Support

Implementation of ICIS Plans District 8 - FY93

- Wapello
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 District Court Scheduling
 Juvenile Court Services
 Integration of Local Criminal Justice Agencies
- Washington Case Indexing Child Support
- Lee
 Traffic & Criminal Case Processing
 Juvenile Court Services
 Child Support